

REMARKS

[0003] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-7, 9-16, 20, 21, 23-28, 30, 32-34, 36-38, 40, 42, 44, and 46-59 are presently pending. Claims 1, 23, 30, 32, 46, 50, and 55-59 are amended herein. Claims 7, 21, 28, and 44 are cancelled herein. No new claims are added herein.

Statement of Substance of Telephone Interview

[0004] Examiner Harper graciously talked with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on June 12, 2008. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to both of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0005] During the interview, I discussed how the claims differed from the cited reference, namely McGrath. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, I also proposed several possible clarifying amendments.

[0006] I understood the Examiner to tentatively concur with the discussed amendment proposals. Specifically, the Examiner was receptive to an amendments clarifying that the local media library provides long-term storage of the DVD metadata. The Examiner indicated that he would need to review the cited art more carefully and/or do another search, and requested that the proposed amendments be presented in writing.

[0007] Applicant herein amends the claims in the manner discussed during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited art of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0008] If the Examiner's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0009] Please contact me to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for me, I welcome your call as well. My contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

Allowable Subject Matter

[0010] Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 9-16, 19, and 20. These claims have not been amended herein, and therefore remain allowable.

Claim Amendments

[0011] Without conceding the propriety of the rejections herein and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant amends claims 1, 23, 30, 32, 46, 50, and 55-59 herein. Applicant amends claims to clarify claimed features. Such amendments are made to expedite prosecution and more quickly identify allowable subject matter. Such amendments are merely intended to clarify the claimed features, and should not be construed as further limiting the claimed invention in response to the cited references.

Formal Matters

[0012] This section addresses any formal matters (e.g., objections) raised by the Examiner.

Claims

[0013] The Examiner objects to claims 21 as being of improper dependent form. Applicant maintains that, for the reasons presented in the response to the previous Office Action, claim 21 is a proper dependent claim.

[0014] However, in the interest of expediting prosecution of this Application, Applicant herein cancels claim 21.

Substantive Matters

Claim Rejections under § 103

[0015] Claims 1-8, 23-30, 32-34, 36-38, 40, 42, and 44-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. In light of the amendments presented herein and the agreements reached during the above-discussed Examiner interview, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

[0016] In particular, independent claims 1, 23, 30, 32, 46, 50, and 55 are each amended to provide further clarification regarding DVD metadata being maintained in, and subsequently retrieved from, a local media library. As discussed during the above-referenced Examiner Interview, the cited references do not teach such long-term storage and subsequent retrieval of DVD metadata from a local media library, as claimed.

Dependent Claims

[0017] In addition to its own merits, each dependent claim is allowable for the same reasons that its base claim is allowable. Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of each dependent claim where its base claim is allowable.

Conclusion

[0018] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action. Please call or email me or my assistant at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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